



Fulfillment, Belonging, Independence

ICKBURGH SCHOOL

February 2024

Headteacher's Message

Dear all

Welcome to the Spring 1 newsletter.

Our curriculum is appropriately focused on delivering key outcomes for our young people as they prepare for adult life; life and independence skills, communication development. Nevertheless, we are committed to ensuring our pupils have a broad and rich experience.

We were very proud to win the Hackney Geoff Taylor SEN Music Award for the third year running, celebrating at the Hackney Empire in January. This is in the context of becoming a Music Mark School in acknowledgment of our commitment to Music and our high quality curriculum: <https://www.musicmark.org.uk/join/schools/>

We competed and finished third at the Secondary Special Schools Swimming Gala at the London Aquatics Centre at the Olympic Park. We are looking forward to our participation in National Sports Week in June to which pupils' families are warmly invited.

All best wishes

Joe Sieber, Headteacher



Dates for the Diary

Please remember, information on school term-dates are continually available on our school website:

[http://](http://www.ickburgh.hackney.sch.uk/web/term_dates_2023_-_2024/565664)

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Half-term break

12th February to 16th February
Pupils return on 19th February

For details about any of the above, please don't hesitate to contact school reception

School Messages

Measles

We have been informed by Public Health that measles cases are increasing across London; City and Hackney populations are at particular risk of outbreaks because of low vaccination rates.

Measles is a highly contagious, airborne disease caused by a virus that can lead to severe complications. More details about measles can be found on the NHS website here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>

If we have a case of measles at the school, we will contact our local Health Protection Team who will support us to do everything we can to reduce the number of cases.

If your child is not vaccinated, you can find information about vaccinations here:

<https://www.transformationpartners.nhs.uk/London-polio-mmr/>



City & Hackney Carers: Parent Carer Forum



This new forum will enable parents and carers of children (0-25yrs) with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) to work in collaboration with local decision makers, communicating their views and experiences and helping to shape local services. Their next meeting is on Wednesday 28th February at The Salvation Army, E8 4RT from 10am-12.30pm. More details can be found here: <https://www.hackneycarers.org.uk/parent-carer-forum>